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Docket No.: 19036/37898
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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Patent Application of:
Kazuhiko Yamashita et al.

Application No.: 10/031,560

Confirmation No.: 8730

Filed: October 25, 2001

Art Unit: 2636

For: REMOTELY ACCESSIBLE COMBINATION
WEIGHING APPARATUS AND
COMBINATION WEIGHING SYSTEM

Examiner: D. Crosland

SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

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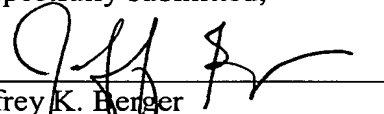
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U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS					
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		Number-Kind Code ² (if known)			
		US-4,662,462	05-05-1987	Kitigawa, et al.	
		US-5,802,859	09-08-1998	Zugibe	

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☐ Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27

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FEE CALCULATION

1. BASIC FILING FEE

Fee Description	Fee (\$)	Small Entity Fee (\$)	Fee Paid (\$)
Utility Filing Fee	300	150	
Design/Design CPA Filing Fee	200	100	
Plant Filing Fee	200	100	
Reissue Filing Fee	300	150	
Provisional Filing Fee	200	100	

1a. ADDITIONAL FILING FEES

Utility Search Fee	500	250	
Design Search Fee	100	50	
Plant Search Fee	300	150	
Reissue Search Fee	500	250	
Utility Examination Fee	200	100	
Design Examination Fee	130	65	
Plant Examination Fee	160	80	
Reissue Examination Fee	600	300	
Application Size Fee, each add'l 50 sheets > 100 sheets	250	125	

Subtotal (1) and (1a.) \$ 0.00

FEE CALCULATION (continued)

2. EXTRA CLAIM FEES

Fee Description	Fee (\$)	Small Entity Fee (\$)
Each claim over 20	50	25
Each independent claim over 3	200	100
Multiple dependent claims	360	180
For Reissues, each claim over 20 and more than in the original patent	50	25
For Reissues, each independent claim more than in the original patent	200	100

Total Claims - = **Extra Claims** x **Fee (\$)** = **Fee Paid (\$)**

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3. OTHER FEES

Fee Description	Fee (\$)	Small Entity Fee (\$)	Fee Paid
1-month extension of time	120	60	
2-month extension of time	450	225	
3-month extension of time	1020	510	
4-month extension of time	1,590	795	
5-month extension of time	2,160	1,080	
Information disclosure stmt. fee	180	180	180.00
37 CFR 1.17(q) processing fee	50	50	
Non-English specification	130	130	
Notice of Appeal	500	250	
Filing a brief in support of appeal	500	250	
Request for oral hearing	1,000	500	

Other: _____

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